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## **GREENLINK PILOT PROGRAM OFFERS LUNCHTIME TROLLEY SERVICE STARTING FEB. 13**

GREENVILLE, S.C. – Greenlink will begin lunchtime trolley service from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Fridays only beginning Feb. 13 with a route that travels a continuous loop from Greenville County Square to the Hyatt Regency on North Main Street. An enhancement to the existing fare-free downtown trolley service, the Lunchlink pilot program will help gauge demand for lunchtime trolley service in the Central Business District, according to Transit Director Mark Rickards.

"Expanded trolley service is referenced in both our Transit Vision and Master Plan and five-year Marketing Plan," Rickards said. "We receive numerous requests for extended trolley hours, so we're happy to be able offer the Lunchlink pilot program as a first step toward broadening that service."

Greenlink began operation of the Greenville's downtown trolleys in August 2014 under a partnership agreement between Greenlink, the City of Greenville and the Greenville Drive. Two trolleys operate year round with service in the Central Business District from Greenville's Historic West End to North Main's Earle Street Historic District. The route is a continuous loop that begins at Fluor Field in the West End, travels north on S. Main Street/Richardson Street, then returns south via Main Street. Service hours are: Thursday 6 – 11 pm; Friday 6 – 11 pm; Saturday 10 am – 11 pm; and Sunday 1 – 8 pm. A trolley flex route operates from 10 am – 6 pm on Saturdays and from 1 – 6 pm on Sundays that incorporates stops at the Hughes Main Library and The Children's Museum of the Upstate. Trolleys also carry fans from Greenville County Square to Fluor Field during Greenville Drive games.

The Lunchlink route will begin at 11 a.m. and run a continuous loop until 2 p.m. as follows: Begin at Greenville County Square, turning right on University Drive, left on Bradshaw Street, right on Augusta Street, left on Field Street, right on Markley Street, and right on S. Main Street. The trolley will travel along Main Street, turning left on College Street at the Hyatt Regency, right on Townes Street, right on Elford Street, then right on North Main Street traveling back to Augusta Street. The service will be fare free.

Greenlink provides fixed route transportation services Monday through Saturday in the City of Greenville and throughout Greenville County. The system operates the Clemson Commuter, Clemson Connector and CU-ICAR/St. Francis Shuttle, and owns and operates Greenville's downtown trolleys. The Greenlink system also includes Greenville Area Paratransit (GAP), an ADA service for those unable to use Greenlink's fixed route service. For more information, call 864.467.2700 or visit www.RideGreenlink.com.